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## **Deep Thanks**

To Kathryn Grant, my co-chair of AD2000 North America Women's Track and co-founder of Christian Women United, for her spiritual wisdom, deep insights and selfless assistance during the many months of producing this Study Guide. She truly has been God's incredible gift to me as together we prayed through every concept in this book.

*Evelyn*

## *To You from Evelyn*

I am thrilled that you have chosen to join me in reaching the lost for Jesus by using this manual.

The overwhelming desire of my heart is for whole nations to be filled with Triplets of Christians—praying, loving, caring, witnessing —until the entire world is teeming with new believers in Jesus.

This is the heart of the Gospel of Jesus condensed into these few pages.

It was deliberately kept simple so everybody around the world could understand it, yet profound enough to include all the essentials from the Bible to reach the world for Jesus.

It was kept short and inexpensive so that everybody everywhere could afford to use it.

It was purposefully written in outline form to give more clearly the crucial points that could be lost in other forms. Also by using the outline form, it could include in these few pages all you will need to reach those around you and the unreached world for Jesus.

Whether you study it alone, with a few others, or teach it in classes, it will be equally effective. Then if you follow its biblical instructions step-by-step, you will have the incredible joy of watching the power of God reach those for whom you have prayed with new life in Jesus Christ.

Be assured I will pray for you as you study and reach out to the lost for Jesus with me.

I hope you are beginning your Triplet now. Let me hear from you how God is using this material.

Evelyn Christenson,  
Chairman and Founder of United Prayer Ministry  
Founder, Christian Women United,  
AD2000 North America Women's Track

## *To You from Kathryn*

Evelyn did not want this included, but I feel that it is essential for you to feel her heart.

Most of you across the world were introduced to Evelyn Christenson through her bestseller *What Happens When Women Pray*, a book anointed of God that has been the seed of a prayer commitment in the lives of millions of women, men, pastors and churches. You also may have studied one of the books she authored that followed, two of which have won the coveted million-copy Platinum Award; or you may have sat in one of her prayer seminars she has led on every continent. She has given of her warmth and love freely, even as she has given all of the proceeds from this book to further this prayer focus worldwide.

She is the founder and chair of the board of United Prayer Ministry which, among other outreaches, sponsors weekly radio broadcasts of her prayer material in numerous countries overseas. Many pages would be required to list the positions of honor, the recognitions, and the awards she has received. She would brush them all aside.

The thousands of miles she has traveled and the hours of standing to teach are part of a prayer she prayed over forty years ago: *“Father, may the whole world experience the power in prayer You have given us through the Holy Spirit to bring the lost out of Satan’s kingdom into the kingdom of Your dear Son. Oh, Father, I want to help teach the whole world to pray!”*

You are holding in your hand God’s affirmative answer to Evelyn Christenson’s prayer.

Kathryn S. Grant  
Co-founder  
Christian Women United

## Purpose

The purpose of this Study Guide is to teach women and men in every nation to pray in Triplets specifically for people in their own sphere of influence to be born again—transferred into God’s kingdom. In addition, God’s people everywhere should pray for the unreached people of the world to hear the Gospel of Jesus.

We believe that God gave this vision of His potential prayer power because it now has been proven that Triplet praying is an increasingly successful movement across every continent.

The desire, the will, the idea and the writing of this material were led by the Holy Spirit. It is universal in its scriptural basis. It is simple, yet so profound that its application to your prayer life will release God’s powerful answers as you pray for those who need Jesus.

## How to Use This Study Guide

First, *you can form a prayer Triplet with two other acquaintances or family members* to study and apply this material together. Then each person in your Triplet will pick three unsaved people for whom you all will pray. Next, your Triplet will choose to pray for a group of people who are not Christ’s followers. Fill out your Triplet card, and then the three of you will get together every week and pray for your nine unsaved and your country. (See complete instructions in Section 4 of this Study Guide.)

Second, *churches, denominations, parachurch organizations and cities can mobilize an evangelistic thrust through organizing and teaching Triplet praying.* It is wise to have a specific public time of motivating, teaching and signing up for Triplets if possible. As Triplets are formed, they are accountable to the program’s leaders within the organizations. Periodic prayer rallies of all Triplet members coming together for inspiration, praise, reporting, additional instruction and joint praying should be held regularly. Those who trust Christ should be followed up immediately and included in the church or organization if possible.

Third, *if you do not know anyone with whom to form a Triplet*, pray until God shows you who they are to be or brings them to you. Start praying for your own Triplet immediately!

## **To Teach This Material**

Remember that, after studying and applying this to your own life, you can become the teacher and organizer of more prayer Triplets among your friends, church or organization. Then you can encourage them to do the same. This Study Guide was kept simple and short so that any Christian desiring to pray for those still needing Jesus not only could use it personally but multiply its use.

The book, Praying God's Way, (formerly published as A Time To Pray God's Way) has been written by Evelyn Christenson to assist you with deeper scriptural training and illustrations for your teaching. To order this book, see page 58.

Note: The contents of the printed book and that of copies downloaded electronically from the Web are identical; however, page numbers may differ.

## **When Teaching**

- Be sure you have prayer support when you teach this material.
- Apply to yourself before expecting others to follow your teaching.
- Use illustrations from your own life whenever possible.
- The Bible is the final authority, not what some person thinks.
- Mobilize all Triplets in your class as per instructions.
- Pray daily for all your students, and ask them to pray for you.

This Guide has not reached your hands by chance. God has chosen you to study carefully and put into your prayer life the biblical truths He has revealed about answered prayer. You are chosen of God for such a time as this. *We are praying for you.*

## SECTION 1

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# *Why an Evangelism Prayer Study Guide?*

**Goal:** *To teach and mobilize women and men around the world, across denominational and parachurch organizational lines, to pray for and reach people with the saving love of Jesus.*

At least two billion people in the world today have never heard a clear presentation of the Good News that Jesus Christ died to save them from their sins! What can Christians do about it? Should we be concerned enough to do anything? The mission of this Study Guide is to help women and men around the world answer these questions and go to work through prayer and evangelism to reach the world's billions who need to know Jesus.

### I

#### Why should we tell the whole world about Jesus?

1. We must obey Jesus' command in His Great Commission that we should "go and make disciples of *all nations*" (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV; see also Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46,47).
2. Jesus' last instruction to His followers was that we should be His witnesses even to the *remotest part of the earth* (Acts 1:8).
3. God "desires *all* men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4; see 2 Peter 3:9; Titus 2:11).
4. Jesus made personal atonement not only for our sins but for the sins of the *whole world* (1 John 2:2).
5. *Jesus did His part on the cross; but He did not do what He left for us to do—reach the world with His saving message.* (He only reached one person, the dying thief, from the cross.)

6. Jesus is coming back, but He said the end cannot come until the gospel of the kingdom is preached in the *whole world*.

***“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come”***  
**(Matthew 24:14).**

- a. Revelation 7:9,10 tells us the final victory scene in heaven will include people from *every* nation, tribe, people and tongue on earth (see Revelation 5:8,9).
- b. There must be no more barriers of understanding or acceptance of the gospel due to culture, language or geography that the Good News of Jesus has not crossed before the end can come.

## II

**Does the Bible really say that all people who have not accepted Jesus—even from other religions—need to be evangelized?**

1. Everyone is *condemned* until they accept Jesus.
  - a. Jesus said in John 3:18 NIV that all are condemned already unless they believe in Him.
  - b. Through one transgression (Adam and Eve’s) there resulted condemnation to all people (see Romans 5:18).
2. All people need their *sins forgiven* through salvation.
  - a. All people on earth are still in the state of original sin in which they were born until they are saved (Romans 5:18,19; Luke 24:46,47).
  - b. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).
3. There are only two spiritual kingdoms—Jesus’ and Satan’s, and all people on earth are in one or the other.
  - a. Satan’s is a kingdom of *darkness* and Jesus’ is a kingdom of *light* (see Colossians 1:13; Acts 26:18).
  - b. “We [*Christians*] know that we are of God, and the whole world [*outside of Jesus*] lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19).
4. Salvation transfers people out of Satan’s kingdom into Jesus’ kingdom.  
***“For He [the Father] delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son” (Colossians 1:13).***

***“I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness” (John 12:46).***

- a. Jesus told Paul on the Damascus road that His purpose for calling him was “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and *from the dominion of Satan to God*” (see Acts 26:16-18).
- b. Evangelism is *spiritual warfare*. It is Christians getting involved with Jesus in the battle between the rulers of the two spiritual kingdoms of the universe for the souls of lost people on Planet Earth.
  - 1) Satan is trying to hang on to those he already owns because they were born condemned already into his kingdom of darkness.
  - 2) Jesus is calling us to help rescue those still captive in Satan’s kingdom—so God can transfer them into Jesus’ kingdom.

**III**  
**What will happen to those who do not accept Jesus?**

1. All who do not believe on Jesus will spend eternity in hell.

***“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15).***

2. What does the Bible say hell is?
  - a. Greek = *Gehenna*. Used by Jesus 11 of 12 times found in the New Testament (see Matthew 10:28).
  - b. Occupants of hell are in two categories of beings:
    - 1) The devil and his angels—supernatural beings (Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 20:10).
    - 2) Accursed people—human beings (Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 20:15).
  - c. Descriptions of the eternal residence of the unsaved:
    - 1) Inescapable place (Matthew 23:33).
    - 2) Place of fire (Matthew 13:49,50).
    - 3) Place of torment (Matthew 13:50).
    - 4) Place of punishment, not reformation (2 Thessalonians 1:8).
    - 5) Place of banishment (2 Thessalonians 1:9; Matthew 7:23).
    - 6) Everlasting (Mark 9:47,48; Revelation 14:11). In Matthew 25:46, Jesus used the same word “eternal” for the duration of punishment as for believer’s eternal life.

**IV**  
**What was God's provision for those  
lost in Satan's kingdom?**

1. God loved people on earth enough to make the supreme sacrifice of His son, Jesus, for us.

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).*

2. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).
3. “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).
4. “He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).
5. But Jesus triumphed over Satan on the cross of Calvary.

*“And being found in appearance as a man, He [Jesus] humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the God the Father” (Philippians 2:8-11).*

6. And Jesus said, “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him” (John 3:36 NIV).

**V**  
**What happens when a person accepts  
Jesus as Savior and Lord?**

1. We are born again.

*“Truly, truly, I [Jesus] say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).*

2. We are transferred out of Satan's kingdom into Jesus' kingdom.
  - a. "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His Beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13; see also Acts 26:14-18).
  - b. "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness" (John 12:46).
3. Our sins are forgiven.
  - a. "Of Him [*Jesus*] all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins" (Acts 10:43).
  - b. "In Him we have redemption through His blood" (Rev. 1:5).
4. We are saved from wrath. "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him [*Christ*]" (Romans 5:9).
5. Believers are *in* Christ and Christ *in* them (John 14:20).
6. We are a new creation in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).
7. We have abundant life in Jesus. "I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10b).
8. We receive eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
9. We have an inheritance in heaven (1 Peter 1:3,4; Acts 26:18).
10. God gets all the glory for our salvation (Galations 1:3-5).

## VI

### What must a person do to accept Jesus?

1. Believe Jesus who came preaching two requirements in Mark 1:15, "repent and believe."
2. Acknowledge he is a sinner (Romans 3:23 and Luke 13:3).
3. Believe in Jesus (John 3:16).

**VII**  
**How will the world hear**  
**if we don't tell them?**

1. Jesus did His part on the cross; but He did not evangelize the world *from* the cross.
2. Jesus left the reaching of the whole world with the message of His salvation to us.

***“Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:13-15a).***

## For You To Do

First, examine your OWN heart. On what basis do you claim to be a Christian? Have you ever accepted Jesus by repenting of your sins and believing on Him, allowing God to transfer you from Satan's kingdom to His? *If not, do it now.* The rest of this manual will not apply to you *until you do.*

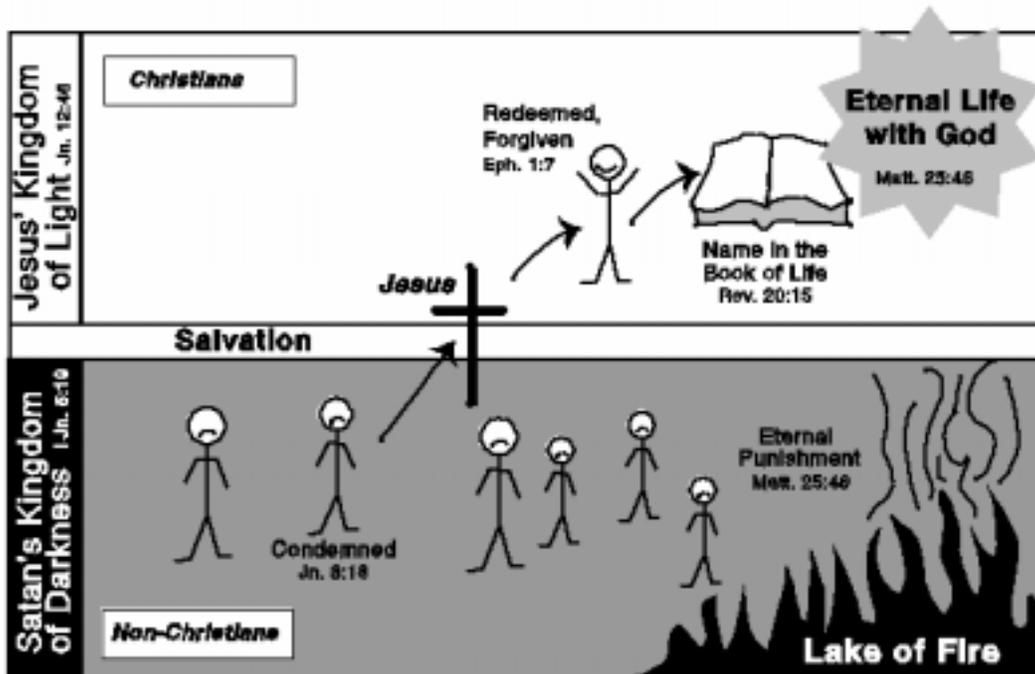
Next, check *each* excuse you have used for not praying for and helping people to accept Jesus:

- I did not know of the Bible's teaching that no one can know God until he or she believes on Jesus.
- I did not understand the reality and horror of hell for those not believing in Jesus.
- I have not accepted my personal responsibility to obey Jesus' command in His great commission to tell everyone of His love.
- I have been too busy keeping my own family and myself together to bother with other people's problems.
- My church and Christian organization see evangelism as a project—not rescuing souls from Satan's kingdom.
- I have been taught to believe that all religions lead to God and not to think of Jesus as the only way.
- Since God knows who will be saved anyway, why should I bother?
- I lack understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit to use and bless my seemingly feeble efforts.
- I am afraid I will fail.
- I am afraid of discussing spiritual matters.
- I would rather be liked by people than to push my religion on them.
- I just have not cared.

## For You To Pray

1. Ask God to forgive you for each one of your excuses for not praying for and bringing people to Jesus.
2. Ask God to give you His burden for those still needing Jesus near you and around the world.
3. Promise God you will start to pray faithfully for them.
4. Promise God that you will obey as He directs you to tell them of Jesus.

For a more complete study of this subject, see *Battling the Prince of Darkness* by Evelyn Christenson.



## SECTION 2

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# *Our Personal Preparation*

**Goal:** *To fulfill God's personal requirements in our lives which will produce power in our prayers and bring results in our witnessing to those who need Jesus.*

### I

**The Bible clearly teaches that our personal lifestyle will determine whether or not God will answer our prayers.**

1. God will grant what we ask of Him *because* of our godly lifestyle.

*"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).*

- a. This "keep" and "do" are in the continuous present tense in the Greek, meaning consistently obeying and pleasing God.
  - b. This is not just an occasional burst of doing what God expects and demands of us.
2. In John 15:7, Jesus said there are two "*if's*" that will determine His fulfilling this promise of prayer power.

*"If you abide in Me, and [if] My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it shall be done for you."*

- a. This is the strongest promise of intercessory prayer power in the New Testament.
- b. But Jesus promised it only if we fulfill His requirements of the two "*if's*" in our personal lives:

- 1) “Abiding in Jesus” means first being part of His body through salvation—and then getting our daily sustenance and strength from Him.
- 2) His words “abiding in us” mean we must live by and obey **all** of Jesus’ words, which are:
  - a) All Jesus spoke on earth (John 14:25).
  - b) His opening the Old Testament Scriptures for His followers to understand (Luke 24:27,45).
  - c) His words the Holy Spirit recalled for Jesus’ followers to record (John 14:25,26).
  - d) Words Jesus dictated to John after Jesus was back in heaven (Revelation chapters 2 and 3).
- 3) Obeying these words of Jesus produces answers to our prayers.

**II**  
**What requirements does the Bible lay down in order for us to have God’s power in prayer and witnessing? \***

[\* For more complete coverage of these requirements, see *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christenson.]

- 1. The first requirement is to know Jesus personally.**
  - a. “Abiding in Jesus” for prayer power in John 15:7 is impossible without knowing Him personally as Savior and Lord.
  - b. There is no New Testament promise of power resulting from intercessory prayer to those who do not believe in Jesus.
  - c. Our New Testament era privilege of praying *in Jesus’ name* (John 16:24) was given only to those who were Jesus’ followers.

*Examine Your Heart*  
**Make sure you know Jesus personally before you attempt to pray for the salvation of others. If you don’t, pray through instructions in Section 6 (page 51).**

- 2. The second requirement is that there must be no unconfessed sin in the life of the pray-er.**
  - a. Every good we know to do (from the Bible) and yet don’t do is sin according to James 4:17.

- b. There are two classes of sin in the Bible: *singular* sin and *plural* sins.
  - 1) *Singular* sin is the state of sin into which all were born (see John 3:18; Romans 5:18).
    - a) To Jesus “the world” always was those who have not accepted Him as Savior.

**“And He [the Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment ...because they do not believe in Me” (John 16:8,9).**

- b. Jesus came preaching “repent and believe” (Mark 1:15).

***Examine Your Heart***  
**Make sure when you accepted Jesus as your Savior you not only believed but repented of your sin.**

- 2) *Plural* sins are those sins which we commit after becoming a Christian.
  - a) Jesus taught His followers (only) in His model Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6:9-12 to pray:

**“Our Father who art in heaven...forgive us our debts” (see Matthew 6:14).**

“Debts” or “trespasses” means “sins” biblically.

- b) The apostle John wrote the book of 1 John to Christians and said in 1:9: “If **we** confess our sins...” God will forgive and cleanse **us**.
- c) Peter was writing to Christians when he said in 1 Peter 3:12: “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who *do evil*” (emphasis added).
- d) In 1 John 3:22, not obeying and not doing things pleasing to God are sins.
- e) It is the prayers of a *righteous* person in James 5:16b (NKJV) that “avails much.”
- f) See Jesus’ “repent” messages in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 that He sent to His Christian churches (us) after He was back in heaven. (See also 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 66:18; Psalm 51:10-13; Psalm 24:3-5.)
- g) Most revivals from Christ’s time until now have begun when a few Christians got completely right with God (see 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 4:17).

*Examine Your Heart*

**As you confess your sins at the end of this section, you'll need to remember these requirements about sins.**

**III**

**What part does God play in this personal preparation for effective evangelism praying?**

1. God knows no human being ever could fulfill all these requirements without help, so don't try by yourself.
2. But He promised that He Himself would be the One to do it in us.

***“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13 NKJV).***

- a. Since God gave us all these requirements in His Holy Word, the Bible, we know they are His will.
  - b. We also know that He will do it in us, no matter how inadequate, unable or frail we may feel personally.
3. God's Holy Spirit even originates the desire in us for holy living and is anxious and waiting to assist us.
  4. Jesus is up in heaven praying for us now (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:24,25).

## For You To Do

Read the enclosed “List of Sins” (pages 22-24) carefully and prayerfully, asking God to convict you of any sin still in your life or unconfessed.

Reflect on this lesson’s biblical, personal requirements for prayer power so you can confess as sin any ones that are missing in your life.

Ask God to bring any other unconfessed sins to your mind; then, wait in silence for Him to recall them for you.

## For You to Pray

1. *If alone*, confess in prayer each specific sin God has brought to your mind either through the list, reading the Bible, or by His recalling them to you.
2. *If with others*, form small groups of about four people each. Out loud, all together, pray, “Father, forgive me...” and then name each sin aloud to be forgiven, continuing until all are finished.

Praying all together helps the shy, intimidated and new pray-ers to have courage to pray and helps the proud to be honest. However, if all in your group are mature pray-ers, take turns confessing your sins.

Use discretion about identifying out loud a sin that should be between you and God alone. Simply ask God to forgive the sin you are thinking about.
3. Accept forgiveness on the grounds of God’s Word (1 John 1:8,9).
4. Remember, it is our *known* sins we must confess to have power with God in intercessory prayer. Do not expect God to reveal every past sin at one time, but stay open to hear and confess additional ones as He reveals them to you.

## **List of Scriptural Sins to be Read Before Confessing Sins in Prayer**

Every “yes” answer is a sin in your life that needs to be confessed. ***“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.”*** (James 4:17). [References are from the New American Standard Bible unless noted.]

1. Thessalonians 5:18 ***“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”***  
Do you worry about anything? Have you failed to thank God for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good? Do you neglect to give thanks at mealtime, openly in front of others?
2. Ephesians 3:20 ***“Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us...”***  
Do you fail to attempt things for God because you are not talented enough? Do feelings of inferiority keep you from trying to serve God? When you do accomplish something for Christ, do you fail to give Him all the glory?
3. Acts 1:8 ***“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”***  
Have you failed to be a witness with your life for Christ? Have you felt it was enough to just live your Christianity and not witness with your mouth to the lost?
4. Romans 12:3 ***“For...I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think.”***  
Are you proud of your accomplishments, your talents, your family? Do you fail to see others as better than yourself, more important than yourself in the body of Christ? Do you think as a Christian you are doing quite well? Do you rebel at God wanting to change you?
5. Ephesians 4:31 ***“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.”***  
Do you complain, find fault, argue? Do you have a critical spirit? Do you carry a grudge against Christians of another group because they don’t see eye-to-eye with you on all things? Do you speak unkindly about people when they are not present? Are you angry with yourself? Others? God?
6. 1 Corinthians 6:19 ***“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”***  
Are you careless with your body? Are you guilty of not caring for it as the

- temple of the Holy Spirit in eating and exercise habits? Do you defile your body with unholy sex acts?
7. Ephesians 4:29 ***“Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth.”***  
Do you ever use filthy language, tell slightly off-color jokes? Do you condone others doing so in your presence, in your home?
  8. Ephesians 4:27 ***“And do not give the devil an opportunity.”***  
Do you fail to see you are a “landing strip” for Satan when you open your mind to him through satanic music, occult electronic games, pornographic literature, computer chat rooms, yoga, séances, psychic predictions, occult movies and literature? Do you get advice for daily living from horoscopes rather than from God? Do you let Satan use you to thwart the cause of Christ in your church through criticism, gossip, non-support?
  9. Romans 12:11 ***“Not lagging behind in diligence”*** (NAS) ***“Not slothful in business.”*** (KJV)  
Do you fail to pay your debts on time? Avoid paying them altogether? Do you charge more on credit cards than you can pay when due? Do you neglect to keep honest income tax records? Do you engage in shady business deals whether as an employer or employee?
  10. 1 Corinthians 8:9 ***“But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.”***  
Do you feel you can do anything you want to do because the Bible says you are free in Christ? Even though you were strong enough not to fall, do you fail to take responsibility for a weaker Christian who has fallen because of following your example?
  11. Hebrews 10:25 ***“Not forsaking our own assembling together.”***  
Are you irregular or spasmodic in church attendance? Are you skipping prayer meetings? Have you neglected family devotions?
  12. Colossians 3:9 ***“Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices.”***  
Do you ever lie? Exaggerate? Do you fail to see “little white lies” as sins? Do you tell things the way you want them rather than the way they really are?
  13. 1 Peter 2:11 ***“Beloved...abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.”***  
Are you guilty of a lustful eye toward either sex? Do you fill your mind with pornography or sex-oriented TV programs, movies, books, magazines? Do you indulge in any lustful activity God’s Word condemns—fornication, adultery, perversion?
  14. John 13:35 ***“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”***

Are you guilty of being a part of factions and divisions in your church? Would you rather add fuel to a misunderstanding than help correct it? Have you loved only the ones in your church, feeling those of other denominations are not of the body of Christ? Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another? Annoyed by their successes?

15. Colossians 3:13 ***“Forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.”***

Have you failed to forgive anybody anything that person might have said or done against you? Have you turned certain people off? Are you holding grudges?

16. Ephesians 4:28 ***“Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor.”***

Do you steal from your employer by doing less work, staying on the job less time than you are paid for? Do you underpay your employees?

17. Ephesians 5:16 ***“Making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”***

Do you waste your time or that of others? Do you spend time watching TV trash, reading cheap books, procrastinating?

18. Matthew 6:24 ***“No one can serve two masters...you cannot serve God and mammon (riches).”***

Is your goal in life to make as much money as possible? Accumulate things? Have you withheld God’s share of your income from Him? Is money your God?

19. Matthew 23:38 ***“Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”***

Do you know in your heart you are a fake, just pretending to be a real Christian? Are you hiding behind church membership to cover a life still full of sin? Are you faking Christianity for social status, acceptance in your church, community? Do you smile piously during the Sunday sermon but live in your sin all week? Are you the person in your home you are trying to impress people you are?”

20. Philippians 4:8 ***“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, ... honorable, ...right, ...pure, ...lovely, ...of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.”***

Do you enjoy listening to gossip? Passing it on? Do you believe rumors or partial truths, especially about an enemy or your competitor? Do you fail to spend time every day reading the Bible? Do you fail to think on the things of God—only good and true and pure things—always?

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If you would like to delve deeper into biblical requirements for more personal applications, the following section will help you. I also recommend a review of 1 John 3:22.

## *Further Biblical Requirements*

(For Optional Study)

### 1. **We must forgive as we are forgiven.**

- a. Jesus in His “Lord’s Prayer” put a condition on God’s forgiving the sins of Christians—our forgiving others.

***“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” (Matthew 6:12).***

- b. Immediately after the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus added that *if we* (Christians) forgive others, God will also forgive us; but, if we do not forgive them, God will not forgive us our sins committed as Christians either (Matthew 6:14,15). (This does *not* apply to non-Christians being forgiven when they accept Jesus as Savior.)
- c. Jesus connected receiving because of praying in faith in Mark 11:24 with an “*and*” to Mark 11:25—that when we stand praying we should forgive because if we don’t God won’t forgive us either.
- d. So our sins committed as Christians (although confessed) are not forgiven by the Father *if we will not forgive others* who sin against us; and, thus, our prayers are not answered by God.

***Examine Your Heart***

**Make sure you are not refusing to forgive every person for any wrong done to you.**

### 2. **Pray in faith believing God’s promises.**

- a. Faith is necessary in order to please God so we will receive His answers to our prayers (Hebrews 11:6).
- b. This is faith in God—not based on what the pray-er thinks but on what God’s Word says—believing that He is and also believing that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

***Examine Your Heart***

**Ask God to increase your faith and help you to truly believe Him for the things you ask.**

### 3. **We must pray in God’s will.**

- a. Although the Bible seems to tell us at times we can pray anything we want, when Jesus taught us *how* to pray in His Lord’s Prayer, He said we must pray: “[*Father*] *Thy will be done*” (Matthew 6:10).

- b. Jesus became a model for us by submitting Himself to the Father's will in the Garden of Gethsemane before going to the cross (Luke 22:42).
- c. When we submit to the Father's will, we automatically bring ourselves—and our wills—into conformity with His.
  - 1) Then we can ask anything we desire, because we no longer *want* anything that isn't the Father's will.
  - 2) This includes submitting to God's will in our personal lives and in our prayer requests.
  - 3) *However, never ask God if it is His will for us to pray for someone to find Christ*, for 2 Peter 3:9 tells us that the Lord is not willing for *any* to perish, but for *all* to come to repentance.

***Examine Your Heart***  
**Make sure you are not resisting God's will in anything in your life or what you are praying for. If you are, give it up to God for His will.**

- 4. **We must maintain a daily prayer life.**
  - a. Jesus commanded us to pray in our private places rather than only to be seen and heard by people (Matthew 6:5,6).
  - b. It is in these deep, intimate times when we:
    - 1) Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us (James 4:8).
    - 2) Confess our sins (1 John 1:8,9).
    - 3) Worship and praise God (Psalm 100).
    - 4) Forgive others (Ephesians 4:32).
    - 5) Listen to God (John 10:27).
    - 6) Submit to God's will in our lives (Matthew 6:10).
    - 7) Get victory over Satan (Ephesians 6:12,13).
    - 8) Exchange our mutual love with God (Mark 12:30).
    - 9) Get empowered for our life and ministry (Acts 1:8).
    - 10) Intercede for others daily (Ephesians 6:18).
  - c. *The power of our public prayers in our Triplets, groups, and prayer chains is dependent upon the quality and the quantity of our private praying* (Matthew 6:6).

***Examine Your Heart***  
**Promise God you will guard and give top priority to your daily prayer life.**

5. **We must pray without ceasing.**
  - a. When we leave our daily closet praying, we don't slam the door promising God we'll meet Him again tomorrow. We keep our communication open with God 24 hours a day, even being willing to pray during our sleepless hours at night (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1).
  - b. The Holy Spirit usually seems to woo the ones who need Jesus in proportion to our praying for them.

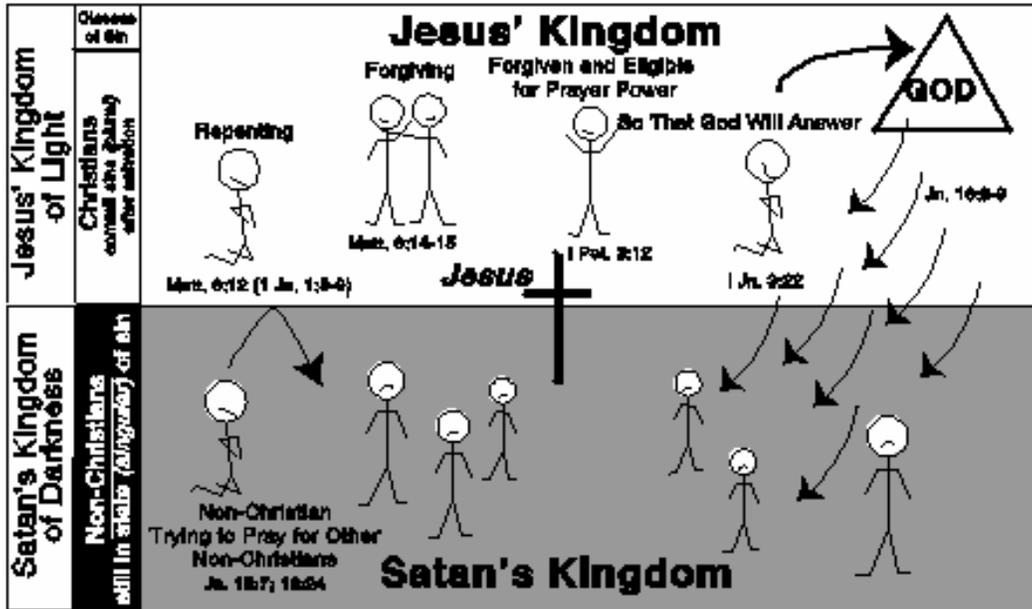
*Examine Your Heart*  
**Ask God to fill you with the desire and  
ability to keep in a spirit of prayer.**

6. **We must pray with properly motivated prayers.**
  - a. James 4:3 tells us that although we pray, we sometimes do not receive because we ask with selfish motives.
  - b. Our *reason* for praying for the lost must be because we love them and believe that they are eternally damned if they don't receive Jesus as Savior—and not for our personal achievement and glory.

*Examine Your Heart*  
**Examine your recent prayers to see why you  
wanted what you asked for, even lost souls.**

7. **We must resist Satan.**
  - a. Since our praying for and winning souls is rescuing captives out of Satan's kingdom (Colossians 1:13), we must learn to recognize his deceitful ploys and then actively resist him (James 4:7).
  - b. We must claim the *name of Jesus* (Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:15-17) and the *blood of Jesus* against Satan (Revelation 12:9-11; 5:8,9) for, although we have no power in ourselves to battle Satan, he cannot stand against the power of the name and blood of Jesus.

*Examine Your Heart*  
**Practice actively doing battle with Satan  
whenever he tempts or tries to hinder you.**



## SECTION 3

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# *God's Power for Bringing People to Jesus*

**Goal:** *To make sure we evangelize in the power of God's Holy Spirit and not in our own wisdom and strength.*

### I

**Jesus called His followers to be His witnesses, but added a warning that they must not go until they received the Holy Spirit's power.**

1. In the Luke 24:46-49 recording of Jesus' "Great Commission," after He said that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, Jesus told His followers to wait until they were clothed with power from God.

*"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).*

2. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said that the order for their sharing Him would be:
  - a. The power first.
  - b. Then the witnessing to all the world.

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).*

3. After Jesus' followers, 120 men and women, waited together for ten days in prayer (Acts 1:14), they all were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).

### II

**What did the Holy Spirit do for the original ones sent out to tell the world about Jesus?**

1. He gave them power for ministry because Jesus knew they could not witness effectively in their own human strength and power.
  - a. Acts 11:22-24 says that when God used Barnabas to bring considerable numbers to the Lord, he was full of the Holy Spirit.
  - b. Paul said it was God’s power that worked mightily in him.

***“And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me”  
(Colossians 1:29).***

- c. Paul gave credit for the conviction not to his words, but to the power of the Holy Spirit.

***“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5).***

- d. When Paul confronted supernatural evil and the magician was struck blind (Acts 13:8-11), Paul’s power was because he was filled with the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit gave Jesus’ followers boldness to preach Him—even to those who had crucified Jesus (Acts 2:14-36).
3. Their courage to suffer and even die for Jesus was because of the Holy Spirit (see the story about Stephen in Acts 7:54-60).

<p><b>III</b></p> <p><b>Why do Christians today need the same power of the Holy Spirit as we strive to complete the task of reaching the whole world for Jesus?</b></p>
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1. It is true that each person who receives Jesus as Savior receives the Holy Spirit at that moment—as Peter told the crowd while preaching on the Day of Pentecost:

***“Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).***

2. However, there is much of the Holy Spirit's *working* that Christians need in their taking Jesus to the whole world.
  - a. Although God is omnipotent and capable of everything, Ephesians 3:20 tells us that He is *able* to do those great things only according to the power that *works* in us:

***“Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.”***

- b. So, if we evangelize in our own power instead of letting God work with the power of His Holy Spirit, we limit what God is able to do through us.
  - c. Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18,19 for Christians who already had the Holy Spirit living in them:

***“That you may know...what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.”***

3. Why aren't human efforts alone enough to bring people to Jesus?
  - a. Plans and programs are not wrong, but only God's power through the Holy Spirit can actually convict and help people to accept Jesus.

***“And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power”***  
**(1 Corinthians 2:4).**

- b. In contrast to our feeble human ability, we have the same power working in us that God used when ***“He raised Him [Christ] from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”*** (Ephesians 1:20).

4. Much of our lack of *boldness and courage* is because we have not availed ourselves of the power of the Holy Spirit as we ask God in prayer and wait for Him to give it.

<p><b>IV</b> <b>How can Christians who are trying to witness for Jesus hinder the working of the Holy Spirit?</b></p>
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1. By ***quenching*** the Holy Spirit (literally putting out His fire).

***“Do not quench the Spirit”*** (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

- a. Plans and programs are important, but Christians quench God’s Spirit by substituting only human efforts for His divine power working in them.

**“*Holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power...*” (2 Timothy 3:5).**

- b. We also quench Him by trying to persuade with *our words of wisdom* and *methods* instead of relying on the Holy Spirit of God to demonstrate His power through His Word and prayer (1 Corinthians 2:4,5).
- c. We quench the Spirit by *ignoring the urging of the Holy Spirit* when He sends us to reach such a person He knows is ready to hear of Jesus.
- d. *By being impatient* for people to accept Jesus in our own way and in our own time—when the Spirit of God has not finished softening their hearts—also quenches the Holy Spirit’s effectiveness.
- e. *By not fully availing ourselves of His power*, we limit God in His ability to do His great and mighty things in our touching the world for Jesus.

2. By **grieving** the Holy Spirit.

**“*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God*” (Ephesians 4:30).**

- a. Christians grieve the Holy Spirit of God by sin in their lives, hindering His power from flowing freely through them.
- b. See “Must be no known unconfessed sin in the life of the pray-er” in Section 2 for what to do about your sin as a Christian so as not to grieve the Holy Spirit.
- c. “*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit*” is right in the middle of the list of things Christians should and should not do to keep from sinning in Ephesians 4:25-32.

## V

**How can we be assured of the power of the Holy Spirit as we bring our witness of Jesus to the world?**

1. Confess and turn from any sins that are grieving the Holy Spirit.
2. Make sure we are not quenching Him by insisting on doing it our own way.
3. Believe Ephesians 5:18b: that it is God’s desire that Christians, to whom this was written and who received the Holy Spirit at salvation, should keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit. (The Bible’s tense in the Greek is a continuing, on-going process.)

4. Believe and trust Jesus' promise in Luke 11:13:

*“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”*

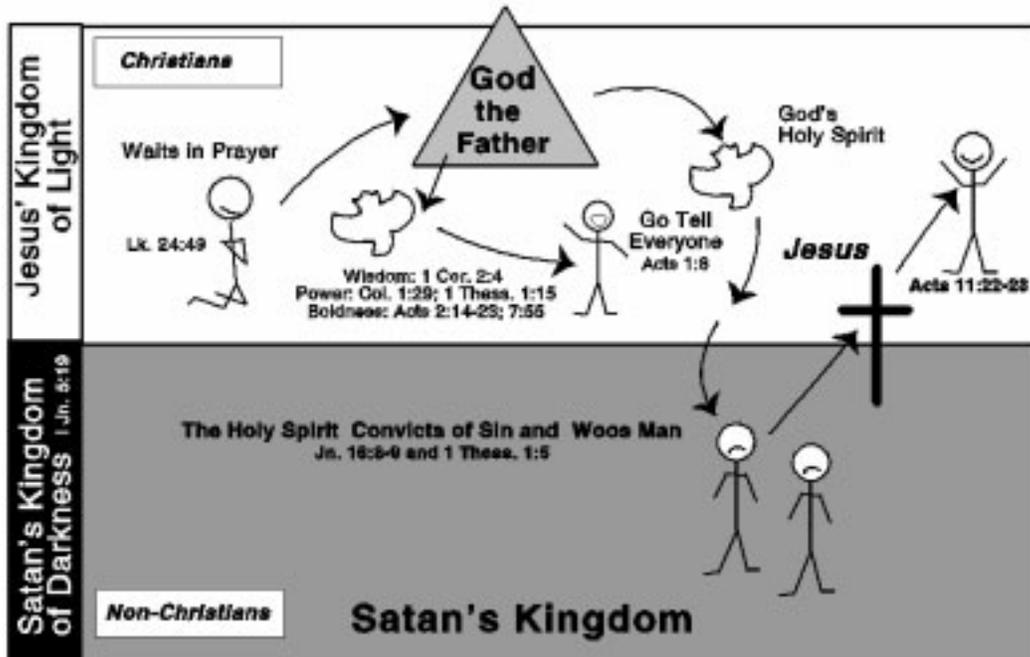
5. Be willing to spend time alone with God in prayer—emptying yourself of your own desires and asking for His power and wisdom—so you can be full of God's Holy Spirit rather than your own self before witnessing.

### *For You to Do*

1. Examine God's Word with an open heart to find His instructions for you personally about the Holy Spirit.
2. Look carefully at the methods and results of your witnessing efforts. Does God have more of His power for you?

### *For You to Pray*

1. Confess any sins which are grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit, and turn from them.
2. Now ask God's Holy Spirit to fill you with all the wisdom, courage and power He knows you need to help reach someone for Jesus.
3. In silence, wait on Him to give you that power, strength and courage.



## SECTION 4

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# *How to Pray for Those Who Need Jesus*

**Goal:** *To ask God to become involved in our sharing Jesus before and while we try (see Romans 10:1).*

### I

#### **Why do evangelistic efforts frequently produce so few souls saved?**

1. Many Christians are witnessing, going as missionaries, preaching and faithfully inviting unbelievers to accept Jesus—yet are puzzled at their lack of results. Why?
2. One answer is that they failed to involve God sufficiently through prayer in their soul-winning efforts.
  - a. Prayer brings the omnipotent God of the universe into the struggle of rescuing souls from Satan's kingdom and transferring them into Jesus' kingdom.
  - b. God works in unsaved hearts in proportion to our praying.

### II

#### **Why do we need pre-evangelism praying?**

1. Before we start to share Jesus with an unbeliever, there is much prayer that is necessary.
  - a. Much precious gospel seed, time, energy and finances are wasted because we have not prayed sufficiently in asking God to go before us and prepare hearts.
  - b. We must precede the sowing of the gospel seed with *intense* pre-evangelism praying.
  - c. This is imperative whether sharing Jesus personally by witnessing, preaching, radio or television broadcasts or any other method of reaching people for Jesus.

2. Since evangelism is setting people free from Satan’s kingdom, there are two specific prayers we need to pray in this struggle:
  - a. **Jesus’ parable of the seed eaten by Satan explains one prayer we should pray.**
    - 1) In His parable of the four kinds of soil, Jesus taught that when sown seed (the Word) falls beside the road, the birds immediately eat it up.
    - 2) Jesus’ explanation of the parable to His followers was:
 

*“The seed is the Word of God. And those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved” (Luke 8:11,12).*
    - 3) So, before sowing our gospel seed, we need to ask God to go before our seed to soften and prepare the hearts of the ones who will hear—so that the seed can take root and the devil will not be able to snatch it away before they can be saved.
  - b. **Satan blinding the minds of unbelievers hinders prayers.**
    - 1) Since with blinded eyes, people cannot even see the light of the gospel we are sharing, we must pray for God to remove the blinders before they can accept Jesus.

*“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world [Satan] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:3,4).*

**III**  
**Why is prayer *while* reaching a person for Jesus also imperative?**

1. We must not depend upon our memorized methods or clever presentations, but on the power of God since He alone can save.
2. An intensified supernatural struggle may go on *while* we actually are leading someone to Jesus, so we must depend on God and not ourselves.
  - a. If there is a struggle to accept Jesus while people are trying to, ask God in prayer to remove Satan’s blinders and any hold Satan may have on them.
  - b. Then overcome Satan through the blood of Jesus—in the name of Jesus. Tell Satan he knows Jesus is the victor and knows he cannot stand against the name and blood of Jesus.
  - c. Knowing that you are praying God’s will that they be saved (2 Peter 3:9), ask God to do His saving work in them.

**IV**  
**What weapons has God given us for  
this battle?**

1. Since this struggle against Satan is strictly spiritual, weapons of human intellect and power never can bring victory.
2. We need supernatural weapons in this spiritual struggle.

*“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses” (2 Corinthians 10:3,4).*

3. What weapons has God provided for us to use?
  - a. *Prayer* (James 5:16b).
  - b. *The Word of God*, the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17b).
    - 1) Base all evangelism praying on the Word of God.
    - 2) Use the Scripture to counterattack Satan as Jesus did in His temptation (Matthew 4:4,7,10).

**V**  
**What is our authority in evangelism praying?**

1. Jesus provided two new dimensions of authority for us when He came to earth, died and rose again.
  - a. **The authority of the name of Jesus.**

*“Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full”  
(John 16:24).*

- 1) Jesus’ name is important because it is all He is, including His authority.

*“Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11, emphasis added).*

- 2) People can be saved only in Jesus' name—not in the name of our organization, church or denomination.

***“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).***

***“And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).***

b. **The authority of the blood of Jesus.**

- 1) It is the blood of Jesus that provided salvation for those we are trying to win to Jesus.

***“In Him [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses” (Ephesians 1:7; see also Revelation 1:5; Romans 5:9).***

***“Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold...but with precious blood...the blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18, 19).***

- 2) The new song sung to Jesus the Lamb in heaven was about the people we are trying to reach who were purchased with *Jesus' blood*.

***“Worthy are Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9).***

- 3) Jesus' blood is our authority over Satan.

***“And they overcame him [the great dragon called the devil and Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb...” (Revelation 12:11; see also 12:9).***

2. In His Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus said He was sending us to the whole world *because* all authority was given to Him.

**VI**  
**What prayer methods can we use for  
evangelism praying?**

1. For bringing Jesus to those around you, the following prayer methods are used successfully around the world.
  - a. ***TRIPLET PRAYING is the powerful method of pre-evangelism praying we are urging all people to use.***
    - 1) Organize your Triplet by joining with two other Christian believers, each choosing three non-Christians for whom all of you will pray to find Jesus as Savior and Lord (total of nine unsaved).
    - 2) Get together every week for at least 15 minutes to pray for the salvation of your nine.
    - 3) See “PRAYER TRIPLET Questions and Answers” for complete rules for Triplet praying (page 41).
  - b. *In addition to your Triplet meeting, another very effective method of praying for people who need Jesus is PRAYER WALKING.*
    - 1) Love all your neighbors by praying as you walk past their houses.
    - 2) Show Christ’s love by seeking to know their needs and praying for their requests.
    - 3) Share Jesus with your neighborhood, and also schools and workplaces.
    - 4) See Love Your Neighbor as Yourself, by Mary Lance Sisk. Ordering information, see page 58.
  - c. *Prayer groups other than or in addition to your Triplet, including church and organization prayer meetings, are effective ways to pray for those who need Jesus.*
  - d. *Faithfully praying in your own personal daily prayer time also is a powerful method of pre-evangelism praying.*
  - e. *Avail yourself of any other method of praying for those around you who need Jesus.*
  - f. *As God leads, fast as you pray.*
2. **Prayer for those around the world who have never heard of Jesus.**
  - a. Pray asking God to lay on your heart a nation or group of people where the name of Jesus never—or rarely—is heard.

- b. Pray faithfully and fervently in your weekly Triplet meeting for those people to find Christ.
  - 1) Each week pray about current information from the radio, TV and Christian publications that would influence the furthering of the gospel there.
  - 2) Get prayer needs from any church or mission with contacts in your special unreached people group.
- c. Pray with your church, denomination or other organization committed to praying for and winning to Jesus those who never have heard of Him.
- d. Pray, asking God to send Christians to tell others about Jesus—being willing to let God use you to answer your prayers.

***“Beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”  
(Luke 10:2).***

### *For You to Pray*

1. Ask the Father to lay His burden for specific people still without Jesus on your heart, especially those for whom you will pray in your Triplet.
2. Ask God to lead you to your two other Triplet members.
3. Ask God to show you the specific country or people group He wants to be your prayer burden.
4. Promise God you will faithfully obey His commands to pray to win these people to Jesus.

### *For You to Do*

1. Find and sign up your other two members for your prayer Triplet (see Prayer Triplet Card at the end of this Study Guide).
2. Find your specific country or people group where Jesus’ name is not known.
3. Organize your prayer Triplet (see “Prayer Triplet Questions and Answers” on pages 41-42).
4. *Pray faithfully.*

## PRAYER TRIPLET Questions and Answers

*What is a prayer Triplet?*

A group of three Christians committed to praying together regularly for those without Jesus.

*For whom should we pray?*

1. Each person in your Triplet chooses three people who do not know Christ as personal Savior and Lord, making a total of nine for whom all of you are praying.
2. Select a country or people group that is unreached with the gospel of Jesus. (Get this from your own denomination, organization, another organization praying for the world or use the one God has laid on your own heart.)

*How do I choose my two Triplet partners?*

Ask God in prayer to show you two Christian friends, relatives or church members He wants in your Triplet. They should live, work or worship close enough to you to allow your actually getting together weekly to pray. Look for others who are burdened for the lost also.

*How often should we pray?*

Once a week.

*How long should we pray at our weekly Triplet meetings?*

At least 15 minutes—or as long as God burdens you to pray.

*What do we pray?*

1. Limit your praying to the salvation of your chosen nine and your unreached country or people group. (Other important prayer requests should be covered in other prayer meetings, not here.)
2. Pray for each other through the week as you each seek to interact with your own chosen three to show them Jesus' love in action.

*What should we **not** do in a Triplet prayer meeting?*

Don't spend time chatting or having food or beverages. It is not a social gathering with prayer at the end, but a deep, disciplined time to pray for those needing Jesus.

*When to pray?*

Any time you can meet conveniently with your Triplet partners— such as before or after another meeting, lunch hour, etc.

*Where to pray?*

Anywhere—such as church, home, workplace, school, automobile, etc.

*How long do we sign up for?*

1. Decide in advance how many months you will promise to pray together.
2. Renew your commitment at the end of that time.

*What will God expect of how I live?*

Remember that God's Word says that your godly lifestyle will determine whether or not God will answer your prayers. Live 1 John 3:22 that tells us:

***“Whatever we ask [of God] we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.”***

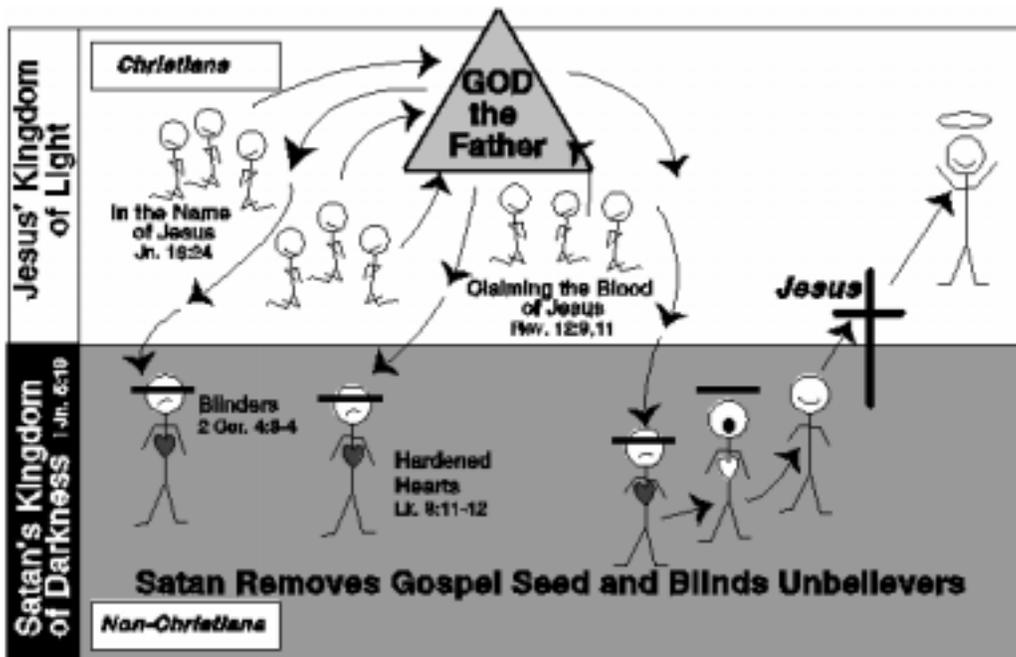
*If one for whom we are praying accepts Jesus, then what?*

1. If possible, incorporate him or her into your church, Bible study and/or fellowship, making sure he or she is disciplined in his or her walk with Jesus.
2. Don't stop praying for him or her.
3. Encourage and help that new Christian to get into a Triplet to pray for those who don't know Christ yet. Channel his or her new zeal for Jesus into reaching friends and family who are without Jesus.
4. Add another person who doesn't know Christ to your prayer list to give you nine again for your Triplet praying.

*How should we cooperate with other Triplet pray-ers?*

1. If possible, organize your Triplet program in your church, denomination, organization or community.
2. Select a chairperson to keep track of who is praying in Triplets.
3. If possible, mount a large wall map of your community. Insert a colored pin where each Triplet is praying—with a goal of covering your whole area with evangelism praying.
4. Report all decisions for Jesus to the chairperson.
5. Come together regularly, once a month if possible, to praise God and pray for your Triplet program and each other.

End of TRIPLET Questions and Answers.



## SECTION 5

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# *How to Pray for Each Other*

**Goal:** *To undergird each other in prayer as we pray for and help others accept Jesus.*

### I

**Why do we, as Christians, need to support each other in prayer as we are reaching people for Jesus?**

1. Since evangelism is rescuing souls from Satan's kingdom (see Colossians 1:13 NIV), Satan will try to keep us from praying and winning people by hassling us personally.
2. The people still captive in Satan's kingdom were condemned, with all mankind, at the fall in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:18; John 3:18), and he will not relinquish them without a battle.
3. We can expect Satan to sift, tempt and hassle us to keep us powerless, preoccupied and apathetic in the battle for souls (see Luke 22:31,32).
4. We need spiritual tools to win this supernatural struggle (see 2 Corinthians 10:3-5).
5. In the Lord's model prayer, Jesus taught us to pray for the Father to deliver *us* from the evil one (see Matthew 6:13).
6. God's Word commands prayer as part of the Ephesians 6 armor Christians need in our spiritual battle with Satan.

***"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints [Christians]"  
(Ephesians 6:18).***

7. It is our prayer to God—not human undergirding—that brings powerful protection and results (James 5:16b).

<b>II</b> <b>What should we pray for each other?</b>
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1. For protection (2 Thessalonians 3:1-3).
2. For angels to protect us (Psalm 91:11,12).
3. That we Christians would have a good reputation with those outside the church (1 Timothy 3:7).
4. That we won't be fearful or timid in obeying Christ's calling to win those without Jesus (2 Timothy 1:7).
5. That we will not be thwarted by Satan in this ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:18).
6. To resist the devil and all his temptations (James 4:7b).
7. That we will be bold in sharing the gospel (Ephesians 6:19,20).
8. To stay alert (1 Peter 5:8,9; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Matthew 26:41).
9. To overcome Satan's accusations (Revelation 12:10,11).
10. To be alert and resist when Satan comes as a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8,9).
11. To be kept from falling into temptation (Hebrews 2:18).
12. To use the authority of the name and the blood of Jesus (see Section 4).  
(See also John 14:13 and Revelation 12:11).

<b>III</b> <b>What methods should we use to pray for each other?</b>
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1. With your **TRIPLET**:
  - a. Pray for your other two Triplet members daily.
  - b. Admit and communicate your own needs by telephone to be prayed for by your other two Triplet members.
  - c. *However, don't let your praying for the unsaved get lost in your praying for each other.*
2. Pray in existing **prayer groups** or form new ones you feel are needed to adequately cover all of you in prayer.
3. Join or organize a **telephone and/or email prayer chain** in your church, organization or community. (See "Rules for Prayer Chain Members," pages 48-49.)
  - a. Pray faithfully for all of those who request prayer in their praying for and reaching people for Jesus.
  - b. Call in your specific needs to the telephone prayer chain so others can pray for you.

4. Form a **24-hour prayer clock** when there will be a specific thrust to pray for and/or bring people to Jesus.
  - a. Draw a large circle divided into time periods (of the whole 24 hours).
  - b. Each pray-er signs up for as much time daily as he or she will promise to pray, producing unbroken praying.
  - c. Each pray-er prays that same time every day until the prayer-clock project is finished.

<p><b>IV</b> <b>How does Ephesians 6:18 say we should pray for each other?</b></p>
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***“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).***

*Study Ephesians 6:18 prayerfully and  
carefully for these instructions:*

1. Make sure it is actual praying, not just talking about the request or counseling those who need prayer.
2. Pray at all times, including formal prayer groups, prayer chains and also in your private praying. (See also 1 Thessalonians 5:17.)
3. Pray in the Spirit, with the Holy Spirit interceding from within us for God’s will, not our own. (See also Romans 8:26,27.)
4. Stay alert. (See also Matthew 26:40,41; 1 Peter 5:8.)
5. “With all perseverance” means disciplined sticking to it, not just spasmodic, occasional praying (see also Luke 18:1).
6. Praying petitions means praying specific *requests* for their specific needs.

## *For You to Do*

1. Using your Bible, prayerfully and carefully go through each scripture on page 45, identifying the source and the solution to Satan's hassles.
2. Decide with your other two Triplet members when and how you will pray for each other (but not at your Triplet praying time) such as getting together or by telephone.
3. Organize or join a Telephone Prayer Chain in your church or organization so you will be praying for others and they for you.
4. Participate in 24-hour Prayer Clocks for special prayer and evangelistic events.
5. Review your weapons and authority of the Name and Blood of Jesus (see pages 37-38) .
6. Start praying in your support groups immediately recognizing the battle is against Satan and that it already has been won by Jesus on the cross (see 1 John 3:8b and John 19:30).

## *For You to Pray*

1. "Father, I am sincerely admitting my needs to You and to those who have promised to pray for me in this spiritual battle of rescuing people from Satan's kingdom." (Be specific.)
2. "Dear Lord, now I am praying for the needs my supporters have shared with me." (Be specific.)
3. "I promise You, not them, dear Father, that I will faithfully pray for these to whom I have committed myself as prayer support."

## Rules for Telephone Prayer Chain Members

1. ***Incoming Prayer Requests.***
  - a. Prayer requests may come from any source (chain members, those in need of prayer, pastor, church boards, teachers, etc).
  - b. Prayer requests should be communicated to: (Fill in your Chairperson's and assistant's name and phone number.) Email or fax may be used.
    - 1) Set a time for activation of the prayer chain each day so people will know when the requests are sent out.
    - 2) Urgent requests may be communicated anytime.
  - c. Include only the amount of information you want communicated.
  
2. ***Directions for prayer chain members when receiving the request for prayer.***
  - a. Write down the prayer request *exactly* as dictated to you, if you are receiving it verbally. (Use a notebook to note the request and date requested, and answer and date answered.)
  - b. *Immediately* communicate to the next person on your prayer chain list only what is dictated to you.
    - 1) If you have a telephone prayer chain and no one answers, keep calling down the list until someone answers, thus keeping the chain going. (You *may* back up later to inform those not answering, but this is not required. If a message was left, the one missing the call should call to receive it. Use mature Christian judgment on this.)
  - c. *Pray immediately* concerning requests after making your call.
    - 1) *Don't leave your phone, computer or fax until you have prayed* so that you do not become involved in other things and put off praying until it is too late or you forget altogether.
    - 2) Pray for God's will. (Don't pray answers; pray requests to God.)
    - 3) Pray fervently. "***The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man [person] availeth much***" (James 5:16b KJV). *You can be the instrument that moves the hand of God.*
  
3. ***Use Christian discretion to keep requests confidential.***
  
4. ***Inform the prayer chairperson when answers are received. These, too, will be passed along to encourage other prayer chain members.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If at any time you find these rules impossible to follow, please call the chairperson and have your name removed from the prayer chain.

## **Organizational Instructions for Telephone Prayer Chains**

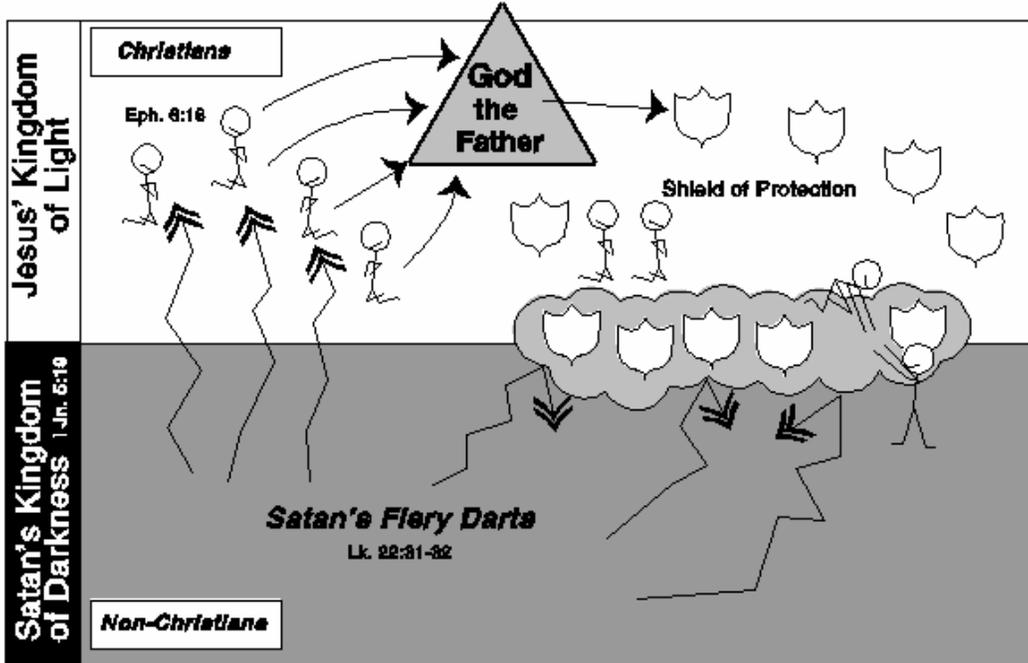
(Adapt for email or your culture)

### **Note: Not to be included in rules for prayer chain members**

1. Each prayer chain should consist of approximately ten members. The object of prayer chains is to get as many people as possible praying immediately. Divide into as many chains as workable.
2. Assemble a list of your participants and the method of access: telephone number, email address, fax numbers, or whatever information is necessary to allow the prayer chain to function smoothly.
3. Provide members with notebooks to keep track of prayer requests with date and answer with date.
4. *Have organizational meeting* where *each* member: 1) signs the rules and, 2) *prays* a short prayer of commitment *to God*, promising Him to pray immediately when a request is received.
5. Meet regularly every month or two with all members of the prayer chains to *pray together*, thus keeping interest alive and the purpose of the chain clear. Questions can be answered and problems worked out at these meetings.

### **Special Rules for Email Prayer Chains**

1. You may include as many names as you wish.
2. Should be sent as a “blind copy” so all the email addresses do not appear on the recipient’s email.
3. Use discretion in not using full names or in describing situations because emails are potentially public information.



## SECTION 6

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# *How to Lead People to Jesus*

**Goal:** *To learn a simple method from the Bible of bringing Jesus to people and to start using it immediately.*

### I

**Let God burden your heart for the ones you  
want to lead to Jesus.**

1. Love them enough to weep over their eternal destiny if they don't accept Jesus.
2. Care enough to pray faithfully for their salvation.
3. Be willing to include fasting when praying—as God leads.
4. As much as possible, stay in contact with them and pray for their personal needs, assisting if you can.

### II

**Live your Jesus in front of them so that they  
will want the peace and joy you have.**

1. What they see in you will either encourage or discourage them from wanting to become a Christian.
2. The more you radiate Jesus in your life, the more they will want what you have.

### III

**Keep aware that this is a spiritual battle with  
Satan for those people.**

1. Satan will try to use procrastination, distractions, fear and shame to try to keep you from actually sharing Jesus verbally.

2. Remember: It is not your words or your ability to answer their questions that will defeat Satan, it is the power of God.
3. Be sure to include asking God to break down any barriers and the hold Satan has on them.
4. In the name of Jesus, overcome Satan because of the blood of Jesus.

#### **IV**

**Take them to places that give them an opportunity to accept Jesus.**

1. Evangelistic church services, meetings and special Christian crusades are good places to hear the gospel.
2. Bible-study classes offer great opportunities to hear and understand God's message and give them an opportunity to accept Jesus.

#### **V**

**Share naturally in your personal contacts with them.**

1. Interact with them in kindness and help in any way you can to lift any burdens or problems—thus earning the right to share Jesus.
2. In conversation, tell of something God has done in your life; how He answered a specific prayer for you; how He helped you with a Scripture verse; and so on.
3. Help them to share with you by lovingly telling them, "God has laid you on my heart, and I've been praying for you. What is happening in your life that made God lay you on my heart?"

#### **VI**

**Ask God to make you sensitive as to when you should ask them if they would like to accept Jesus.**

1. As God opens hearts, lead the conversations to accepting Jesus.
2. Sometimes people are ready to accept Jesus immediately.

3. However, it may take time for God to prepare some hearts through your praying and sharing, so let Him guide you.
4. God knows the timing of their readiness to make a decision that will produce their accepting—not rejecting—Jesus.

## VII

### **How to lead a person to Jesus from the Bible.**

1. If your church or Christian organization has a plan for leading people to Jesus, use it if possible.
2. If not, the following is a list of necessary Scriptures for their salvation.
3. Show all Scriptures to them in a Bible, if possible, so they will know it is God speaking, not you.

*Turn to the next page to learn how  
the Bible teaches to lead a person  
to Jesus*

## Scriptures for the Person You Are Leading to Jesus

### **YOUR NEED**

God wants you for His own, but you have sinned—like everyone else on earth—separating you from God.

***“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”  
(Romans 3:23).***

### **GOD’S PROVISION**

But God loved you so much He provided for your sin by sending His Son, Jesus, to pay for your sins with His blood on the cross.

***“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).***

God’s favor, undeserved by us, provided your way of salvation.

***“In Him [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace”  
(Ephesians 1:7).***

Jesus said that He is the only way you can get to God:

***“No one comes to the Father, but through me” (John 14:6).***

***“There is no other name under heaven that has been given to men, by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).***

### **YOUR PART**

Jesus came to earth preaching repent and believe, which are the two things you must do to be saved from your sin. He said:

***“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15).***

After Jesus paid for your sin by being crucified, God raised Him from the dead; believing in and confessing the risen Jesus will result in your salvation.

***“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved”  
(Romans 10:9).***

Remember there are no works you can do that will save you.

***“By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9).***

***YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY***

Jesus promised that if we believe in Him, we shall have eternal life with Him in heaven.

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life”  
(John 3:16).***

You can know for sure that you will go to heaven to be with Jesus when you die.

***“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life”  
(1 John 5:13).***

***Have them pray this prayer  
out loud with you:***

Dear Father in heaven, I admit that  
I am a sinner.

Please forgive me all of my sins.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God  
and that He paid for all of my sins  
with His blood on the cross.

I accept Jesus as my Savior and  
the Lord of my life.

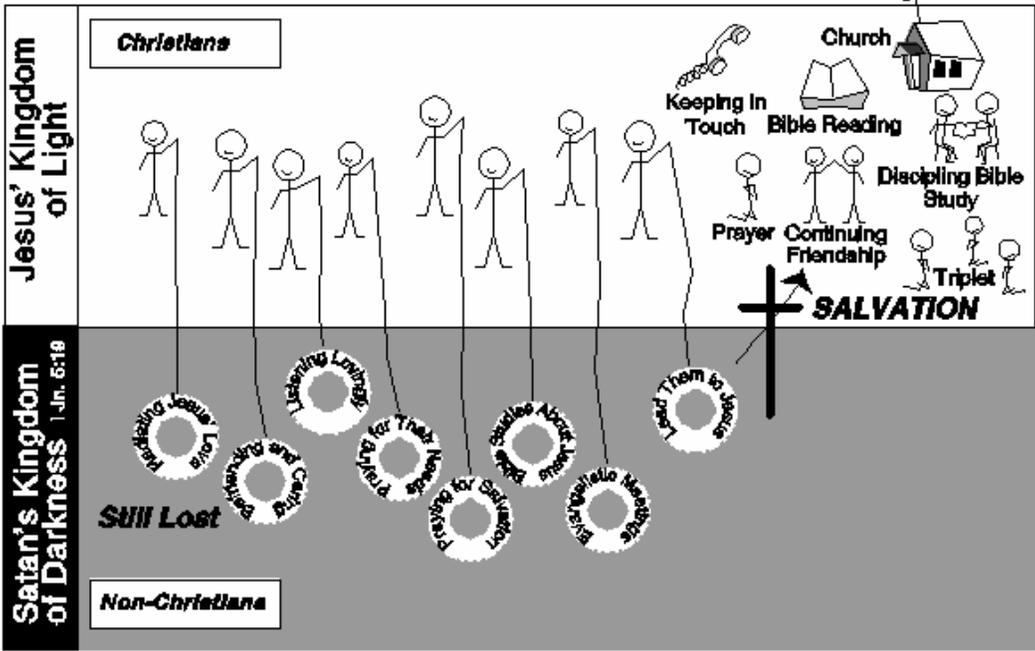
I do believe I now have Jesus living  
in me, that I am forgiven, and that  
I am now a Christian.

I know that I will go to be with  
Jesus when I die.

Amen.

<b>VIII</b> <b>Now what should we do?</b>
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1. Tell the new believer to find someone to tell immediately of what Jesus has just done in his or her life.
2. Plan your next meeting together.
3. Promise to keep praying for him or her—and do it.
4. Tell the new believer how to get in touch with you whenever they need to.
5. Show him or her how to grow in Christ by:
  - a. Reading the Bible every day, especially the New Testament.
  - b. Talking to God in prayer at a special time each day and throughout the day.
6. Get him or her started in a good study of the Bible.
7. Invite the new believer to go to your church with you, or help him or her get involved immediately in a Bible-believing church of their choice.
8. If there is no available church, form a group with nearby Christians—studying the Bible, praying, and worshipping God.
9. Assist the new Christian in getting in a TRIPLET so they can begin praying immediately for friends and loved ones who need Jesus.
10. *In your TRIPLET, rejoice and praise God for this new Christian, and replace that person's name with another who doesn't know Jesus.*



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Triplet Prayer Partners (Tear out and fold)

<p><b>Jesus said, “Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them.”(Matthew 18:19,20 KJV)</b></p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">PRAYER TRIPLETS</h2> <p><b>What is a prayer Triplet?</b> It is a simple, convenient way to win other people to Christ. You just link up to two Christians and pray together regularly for the salvation of nine friends or relatives who do not know Jesus personally and a country where Jesus is not known. Then rejoice as you see Matthew 18:19,20 fulfilled</p>	
<p><b>Instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Choose and record two Christian friends or relatives to make your Triplet.</li> <li>- Each of you choose and record the names of three people who do not know Jesus as personal Savior and Lord. Choose and record a country where Jesus’ name is not known.</li> <li>- Agree on a time to meet once a week to pray together for your nine. Just 15 minutes in your home, at work or school, before or after a meeting, etc. is all it takes.</li> <li>- Pray together for the nine people by name to accept Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, each other as you seek to do this.</li> <li>- As much as possible, as God leads, each involve yourself with your three chosen people in a friendly way. Also pray for your prayer partners.</li> <li>- When your friends become Christians, continue to pray for them, even while your Triplet takes on other names to pray for.</li> <li>- If possible, incorporate them into your church, Bible Study and/or fellowship after they accept Jesus.</li> </ul>	<p>My Prayer Partners are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol> <p>Their Three Names (each) for us to pray for are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol> <p>The people I’ve asked prayer for are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol> <p>Our unreached people group is:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes, I commit myself to join with two other people to form a Prayer Triplet Group</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____</p> <p>Zip _____</p> <p>So that we will be aware of your prayer commitment, please complete this form and return to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Insert name and address of church or ministry organizing your Triplet]</i></p> <p>Be sure to inform the above person when someone your Triplet is praying for finds Christ.</p>

